GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5664
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2001
STATUS OF SC TO CARPENTERS
MAHESHWAR SINGH;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the carpenter is given the status of the Scheduled Castein the entire country under the Article 341 of the Constitution but a serious anomaly hascropped up due to not providing the status of Scheduled Caste to the people of the carpenter community residing in new areas which were included in the State after the reorganisation of Himachal Pradesh State in 1966;

(b) if so, whether the Himachal Pradesh Government have forwarded all the required information to the Government; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (c) As per provision under Article 341 of the Constitution, the list of Scheduled Caste has beennotified for each State/Union Territory, Carpenter has not been notified in the list of Scheduled Caste.
A proposal for inclusion of Tarkhan community, whose professions is stated to be wood/iron work, in the list of Scheduled Caste for Himachal Pradesh was recommended by the State Government concerned. This has been processed as per approved modalities.